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SUBJECT : BOKE INAUGURATION

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1. DELIGHTED WITH NEWS OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM'S SELECTION AS USG REPRESENTATIVE FOR MAY 14 BOKE INAUGURATION CEREMONY AND LOOK FORWARD TO HIS VISIT.

2. UNFORTUNATELY GUINEANS HAVE NOT YET FOCUSED ON DETAILS OF CELEBRATIONS; THEREFORE, VERY LITTLE CAN BE SAID DEFINITELY NOW ON QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL. HOWEVER, MOST LIKELY THAT WHILE BOKE INAUGURATION WILL BE PRINCIPAL EVENT, THERE WILL BE OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDING LAYING CORNER STONE OF NEW COMMERCIAL AND OFFICE COMPLEX AND UNDOUBTEDLY VISITS TO SOME PROVINCIAL CITIES. CELEBRATIONS PROBABLY WILL RUN FROM ABOUT MAY 11 OR 12 TO 15, AND IT WOULD BE BEST FOR DELEGATES TO BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT. ANTICIPATE NO OCCASION FOR FORMAL REMARKS. IN VIEW LARGE NUMBER, VARIETY AND HIGH RANK OF DELEGATES EXPECTED, THERE LIKELY BE LITTLE TIME FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. TO THE EXTENT THEY DO OCCUR, THEY LIKELY CENTER AROUND: (1) US/ NATO RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL, ESPECIALLY REGARDING GUINEA

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BISSAU; AND (2) POSSIBLE USG ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA' S
NEW FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN, WHICH EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED
AT PARTY CONGRESS LATER THIS MONTH.

3. WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE INQUIRIES AND PROVIDE PROMPT
AND FULL REPORT ON ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED.
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